

July 17, 2016

Mr. Phil Stutzman  
Public Disclosure Commission  
711 Capitol Way #206  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint regarding improper disclosure filings by the Small Businesses United PAC.

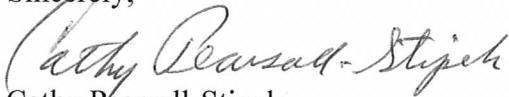
The attached mailer began arriving in mailboxes on July 13, 2016, and attacks Representative David Sawyer (candidate for State Representative, 29<sup>th</sup> District) and suggests that "It's time to replace David Sawyer." The ad states in the disclosure section that "No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by Small Businesses United PAC." Clearly the mailer is an Independent Expenditure made by Small Businesses United PAC.

However, as of today, July 17, 2016, Small Businesses United PAC has not filed a C6 form to report Independent Spending & Electioneering Communications and thus does not comply with RCW 42.17A.260, which states:

*The sponsor of political advertising who, within twenty-one days of an election, publishes, mails, or otherwise presents to the public political advertising supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition that qualifies as an independent expenditure with a fair market value of one thousand dollars or more shall deliver, either electronically or in written form, a special report to the commission within twenty-four hours of, or on the first working day after, the date the political advertising is first published, mailed, or otherwise presented to the public.*

Small Businesses United PAC has experienced personnel, who are required by law to know the regulations surrounding independent expenditures and the reporting obligations that go with that. I respectfully request the Public Disclosure Commission launch an immediate investigation into this attempt to skirt PDC rules and regulations. This is a time sensitive matter, and only a prompt investigation will prevent additional campaign finance violations in this election.

Sincerely,



Cathy Pearsall-Stipek  
2604 South 76<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409  
253-405-1086  
Precinct 29-610

*Received two more on Saturday,*

## Certification

### In signing this complaint:

- I have provided all information, documents and other evidence of which I am aware;
- If I become aware of additional information, documents or evidence related to my complaint, I will promptly provide it to the PDC; and,
- I am providing the PDC current information on how to contact me, and will promptly update that information if it changes.

Your name (print or type) Cathy Pearsall-Stipek

Street address 2604 South 76th Street

City, state and zip code Tacoma, Wa 98409

Telephone number (including area code) ~~253~~ 253-405-1086 Cell

E-mail address (optional) CathyPS@harbormet.com

## Oath

### Required for complaints against elected officials or candidates for elective office:

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that this complaint is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.\*

Your signature Cathy Pearsall-Stipek

Date signed 7/17/16

Place signed (city and county)

Tacoma King Pierce County

City

County

## Attachments

☒ Check here if you are attaching copies of documentary evidence or extra pages explaining your complaint.

\*RCW 9A.72.040 says that "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."



# BRANDEN DURST

for State Representative - Democrat



**Working hard for our community.**

Branden Durst is the independent leader our community needs in the House of Representatives. A former legislator, Branden can hit the ground running to get results for our community. He's focused on improving public education, creating good-paying jobs, protecting our environment, and improving public safety. Vote Branden Durst for State Representative.

No candidate authorized this ad. It is paid for by Small Businesses United PAC (Washington REALTORS, Washington State Dental Association) PO Box 324, Olympia, WA 98507. Top 5 Contributors: Washington State Dental PAC, Washington REALTORS PAC

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# Meet Branden Durst: He's one of us.

## SOUTH TACOMA ROOTS.

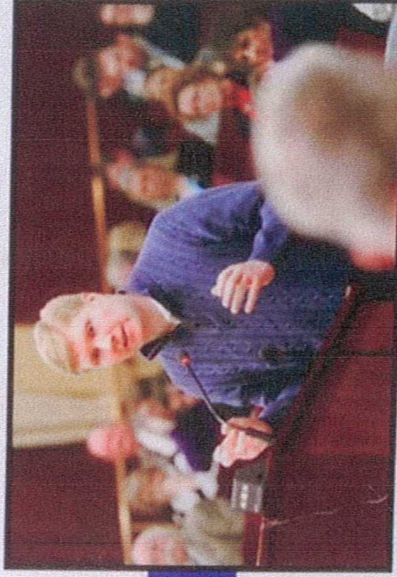
Branden Durst was raised in Boise, but after high school chose to move to Tacoma, accepting an offer to attend Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in Parkland where he received his BA in political science.

Branden's family wasn't wealthy, so to pay for college he relied upon loans, need-based grants, scholarships and also worked to pay for his education. Branden worked at a local Boys and Girls Club and as a Complaint Mediator with the Washington State Attorney General's Office in Tacoma. He also volunteered on Friday nights serving the homeless in downtown Tacoma and with the Late Night program at the Lakewood YMCA.



## PUBLIC SERVICE. CITIZEN LEGISLATOR.

Branden moved back to Boise to get his master's degree. During that time, Branden decided to run for a long shot seat in the Idaho House of Representatives. He won the seat, was re-elected, and then elected to the State Senate. As a Democrat in the minority, Branden helped pass significant legislation benefiting veterans, families, seniors and students.



## SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. FAMILY MAN.

Branden and his wife, Cheri, were married in south Tacoma. Branden is the proud father of two boys, Broden (11), and Carter (8) and one daughter, Graciana (7). Branden is the managing partner of Rational Strategy Consulting, a market and policy research firm. The Durst's fellowship at Calvary Baptist Church in south Tacoma.

